

BUILDING OCCUPIED BY TWO PRESIDENTS

Pennsylvania Avenue Structure Utilized As Temporary White House.

At the northwest corner of Nineteenth street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest is an old yellow brick building, which, nearly a century ago, was for three years the temporary White House.

It has been placed among the first ten places to be marked with permanent tablets by the citizens' committee appointed by the Commissioners for that purpose.

The building is famous in the history of Washington because President and Mrs. Madison, and President and Mrs. Monroe lived within its walls, following the destruction of the White House by the British in 1814.

Rented Octagon House.

Following Madison's escape with his beautiful wife into Virginia when the British entered Washington, the latter set fire to the structure then known as the Executive Mansion. After the soldiers departed the Madisons returned and were obliged to find a home. They had a score of offers to live in the homes of prominent citizens, but Mr. Madison had a preference for living in his own house. He first rented the Octagon house, at Eighteenth street and New York avenue.

But in January, 1815, nearly a year afterward he rented the building at Nineteenth street and Pennsylvania avenue. It had just been built and then was on the outskirts of the city and was looked upon as an attractive and select home. During the occupancy of the Madisons the building was the scene of many brilliant social affairs.

Ready in 1818.

Congress had in 1815 appropriated sufficient money to rebuild the White House, and it was completed and ready for occupancy in 1818. For several months after his inauguration Monroe occupied the building made vacant by the Madisons, and he had the honor of being the first President to occupy the present mansion serving as the White House.

The "temporary White House," as the Pennsylvania avenue building is known, is practically the same today as it was during the occupancy of the two Presidents, although on the first floor are a drug store and a tailor shop. The building is three stories in height. For some time during the civil war it was used as a hotel and roadhouse.

TO MAKE REPORT ON SITE-MARKING

The executive committee of the citizens' committee appointed by the Commissioners to plan for a permanent marking of the historic places in Washington, at a meeting to be held tonight at the Willard Hotel, will adopt a formal report upon its work, which it will present to the Congressional Committee on Library.

Chairman Van Winkle, who issued a call for this meeting, said today that a design for the tablets to be used as markers, and the question of publishing a book on sites will be approved. He said a special committee will be appointed to confer with the Library Committee for the purpose of obtaining the \$3,000 appropriation now held by the Library Committee and intended for the marking of the historical spots.

Details concerning the dedication of the first ten tablets will be discussed, also the question of publishing a book let containing the picture and account of each historical place.

FOWLER SEES PLOT TO DEFEAT HIM

Representative Fowler of New Jersey, the lone insurgent from that State, who has paid his respects to Speaker Cannon on several occasions, has made public a bitter denunciation of what he says is a plot between Senator Keen, Speaker Cannon and State Treasurer Voorhees, of New Jersey, to defeat him for the nomination.

The alleged plot to defeat him, declares Mr. Fowler, was hatched when Treasurer Voorhees recently visited Washington and was taken by Speaker Cannon by Senator Keen. Referring to his old fight with the Speaker, Representative Fowler said that the reason Cannon refused to reappoint him chairman of the Committee on Banking and Currency was because he opposed legislation favored by the Speaker and had announced himself as a candidate for Cannon's place.

NEWSBOYS NIGHT AT THE ACADEMY

This is newsboys night at the Academy. Also tomorrow night.

The Academy will be the host tonight and tomorrow for hundreds of merry "newsies" of The Times. A special section of the house will be reserved for the newsboys.

The bill this week is expected to afford the youngsters a great entertainment, embracing as it does a range between Harry Thompson with his monologue, and Mrs. Sehera, who bewilders the audience with her "second-sight" tricks and mind-reading exhibitions.

The stellar number for the "newsies" is that of the comic bicyclists, Houghton, Hayes, and Mosher. The well-known trick riders have added a number of novel "stunts" to their array of features.

FOUR ARE AWARDED DEGREES BY G. W. U.

Following the presentation of theses and discussions on them, the following yesterday were declared worthy of the degree Ph. D., at George Washington University: William T. Shepherd, Herbert H. Kimball, A. F. W. Elder, and J. H. Gardner. Each was examined orally by experts in the various topics under discussion.

The presiding officers were Prof. S. I. Frantz, G. P. Merrill, F. H. Bigelow, and W. R. Manning.

The oral discussions followed the presentation of the written theses.

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NAVAL BILL FIGHT ENDED BY SENATE

Decisive Vote for Two Battleships Sustains Big Navy Adherents.

There can be no doubt about the sentiment of Congress concerning the question of greater armament for this country. The vote in the Senate yesterday afternoon on the Meyer plan for two battleships was decisive. The House did not give an overwhelming majority for the two-ship plan as did the Senate, but the majority there was a safe one.

With the defeat of the Burton amendment, which would have had the effect of ordering one battleship instead of two, the only real fight over the naval appropriation bill in either house came to an end. There was little or no opposition to any of the other amendments which were proposed and acted upon.

The Meyer program not alone contemplated the construction of two battleships. It provides for the construction of two fleet collars to cost about \$1,000,000 each; it provides for five submarine torpedo boats at a total cost of \$2,500,000, and it provides for six torpedobust destroyers to cost not more than \$250,000 each. The vessels would mean an outlay of about \$35,000,000.

The two-battleship program was adopted in the Senate by a vote of 33 to 25. The vote followed a spirited debate running through two and a half days. It was easily seen that no party lines would mark the final vote.

During this debate Senator Depew of New York gave the Senate the benefit of some historical revelations with regard to the war with Spain and the imbroglio with England over Venezuela.

WOMAN ATTACKS THE GOVERNMENT

At the meeting of Central Labor Union last night, Lucile Twining, president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Carmen's Union, of Philadelphia, and representative of the Western Federation of Miners, was a visitor, and made a speech in which she dealt some hard blows at the Federal courts, the Department of Interior, President Taft, Congress, Secretary Ballinger and others.

Following Miss Twining's address Edward Brennan, recording secretary of the Painters' Union, took up a grievance against the St. John Steamboat Company regarding the discrimination against union men. It was decided to protest.

AVIATION MEET FOR OMAHA.

OMAHA, Neb., May 24.—Announcement is made tonight that the city is to have an aviation meet of five days, beginning July 9.

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MEET NOT AFFECTED BY AERO CLUB SPLIT

Board of Governors Expects to Fix Date and Place This Afternoon.

NEW YORK, May 24.—The board of governors of the Aero Club of America expects to meet this afternoon to decide formally upon the place for holding the international aviation contest and to award the contract for financing the meet. It is not likely that representatives of the various aero clubs throughout America will be present, following the split yesterday which has resulted in the foundation of a rival aero club.

The split will probably be followed by new legal complications in the patent suits of the Wright brothers, which were thought to have ended when the Aero Club of America recently recognized the validity of the Wright patents and agreed that no aviation meet should be held in America unless licensed by the Wright Company.

The Seeding Clubs. The clubs which were formerly affiliated with the Aero Club of America and which have now broken away to form the American Aeronautic Association, are the Aero organizations of Indianapolis, St. Louis, Baltimore, Harvard, Illinois, Washington and Buffalo, and they will form a working agreement with the insurgent body from the Aero Club of America.

The allies declare they are given no representation in the affairs of the Aero Club of America, and that in addition they cannot sanction the act of the Aero Club in tying up all aviation meets under a sanction from the Wright company.

Legal Complications. The Aero Club of America declares that the secession of the out-of-town clubs will in no way affect the international aviation meet to be held in October, plans for which will be completed this afternoon.

The insurgents say they will, in their turn, hold such aviation meetings as they see fit, without license from the Wrights. This would surely be followed by legal complications, for the Wright company would immediately seek to enjoin any meeting held without license.

If the courts uphold the validity of the Wright patents, as the lower courts have already done, the insurgents will be powerless.

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SPITZER'S EXPOSE SHOCK FOR TRUST

Officials Disconcerted By Stimson's Move In Sugar Fraud Case.

NEW YORK, May 24.—Attorneys for the accused employees and former employees of the Sugar Trust, now on trial for conspiracy to defraud the government by short-weighting sugar, are today wondering what the Government has in reserve.

The calling of Oliver Spitzer yesterday was a distinct shock. His evidence was particularly damaging to certain of the defendants, but it was coupled with a rumor that this was but the first of the trumpets led by the prosecution and that some of the cards in reserve are even stronger.

It is known that Prosecutor Stimson would like to involve certain of the directors and former directors of the trust. He has secured a considerable amount of documentary evidence and expects that by working through Spitzer he can get some of those who know the connecting "missing links" to come through with the required evidence.

May Alter Pleas.

When the Helke trial was resumed today it was expected that Jean M. Voelker and James F. Halligan, Jr., former checkers, and Harry W. Walker, former assistant to Spitzer, would withdraw their former pleas of not guilty and plead guilty.

Spitzer swore that they used the steel springs, and that was coupled with his confession he stated that one of his reasons was "to save those boys," the trio on trial having been especially close to him during his employment on the trust docks.

It developed today that his wife's grief caused Spitzer to commence negotiations with the Government to tell all he knew about the sugar frauds. Mrs. Spitzer visited her husband after his conviction and pleaded with him to shield no one. She tearfully asked him to clear his own name, and he finally yielded to her entreaties, sent for Stimson and told his story.

Greeted by Wife.

Mrs. Spitzer was the happiest woman in New York when her husband walked into their home. She flung the door open for him and fell in his arms. Then tears and laughter were mixed.

"Oh, I am so pleased," said the delighted woman, "I am just too happy to have my husband back. He did just what I wanted him to do." The former United States Treasury agent, arrested last night after having been indicted on the testimony of Spitzer, to the grand jury for "willful and corrupt perjury," will be given a hearing Friday.

He added Richard Part in uncovering the sugar frauds, but later, it is alleged, "sold out" to the Sugar trust.



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PLANS TO REBUILD BURNED CREMATORY

Refuse Contractor Will Replace Buildings Destroyed By Fire Today.

Plans are already under way for reconstructing the two frame buildings of the District refuse crematory, Benning road and Twentieth street northeast, which were destroyed by fire today. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

The fire was first discovered shortly after 1 o'clock in the large sorting shed, and was probably caused by spontaneous combustion. A watchman, who discovered the blaze, attempted to extinguish it with a small hose instead of sending in an alarm. The flames spread rapidly, and by the time the first engine company arrived the crematory building was in flames.

The company responding to the first alarm did not have enough hose to reach from the nearest hydrant to the burning buildings, and the firemen could do nothing until the arrival of other companies.

The buildings were owned by Isaac T. Brown, of New York. District refuse crematory. It is understood the two buildings cost about \$20,000, while the damage to the machinery estimated at \$10,000. There was no insurance.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK IN PACIFIC OCEAN

Santa Clara College Observatory Instruments Record Severe Disturbance.

SANTA CLARA, Cal., May 24.—A severe earthquake has occurred in the Pacific ocean, 1,400 miles southwest of here, according to seismic records at the Santa Clara College observatory, where the following bulletin was issued early today:

"Four seismic effects were recorded on the machines. The first began at 2:48 p. m., lasting six seconds; the second at 3:59 p. m., lasting five seconds; the third at 4:02:20 p. m., lasting three minutes and thirty-five seconds; the fourth at 4:07 p. m., lasting forty seconds.

"The movement that predominated is clearly from the south. The next in order of magnitude is from the west; finally comes the vertical, which is the least, but not inconsiderable and equal to the movement from the west. The maximum amplitude of the south wave is six millimeters."

RABBI MAGNES RESIGNS.

NEW YORK, May 24.—Because he says he is out of sympathy with the reform movement as now directed by its leaders, Dr. J. L. Magnes, one of the best known rabbis in the United States, has resigned from the Temple Emanuel, D. C., before withdrawing, pleaded for the restoration of the ceremony of confirming boys and other customs.

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